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CONGRESSMAN DAN BURTON SUPPORTS INDIANA'S MAJOR MOVES TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE

(Washington, D.C.) - Today, Congressman Dan Burton [R-IN-05] released the following statement on Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels' Major Moves transportation initiative:

"I support Governor Daniels on this worthwhile and historic initiative. The Major Moves transportation plan will solidly enshrine Indiana as the 'Crossroads of America' well into the 21st century.

"Major Moves will set out a 10-year transportation plan for the State of Indiana that will dramatically improve Indiana's economy and create Hoosier jobs, especially in the sectors of transportation and construction. All 92 counties in Indiana, especially the counties in Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, will see a direct and tangible improvement with the Major Moves initiative. It will improve Hoosiers' travels throughout the State - whether it is for business or pleasure.

"Major Moves is the right step in funding Indiana's transportation budget shortfall. The last thing Hoosiers need is more debt and partisan, political bickering. When the future of our State's economic health is in the balance, I always support innovative approaches that have shown results, and Major Moves is just that. An antiquated bond-borrowing proposal would only increase Indiana's transportation debt and will ultimately become a tax burden on my fellow Hoosiers.

"Public/Private partnerships have worked throughout the United States as a fiscally responsible way to deliver goods and services in a fully accountable manner. Hoosiers will still own their roads under Major Moves, but through this public/private partnership, a private company, not Indiana's taxpayers, would operate, maintain and upgrade our roads."